

# Groundwater Information Management for Enhanced Aquifer Utilization or The Future of Groundwater Management for "Continuous Improvement"







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## Developing Technology Areas for Water Resource Management

 Wireless data telecommunications and solar power

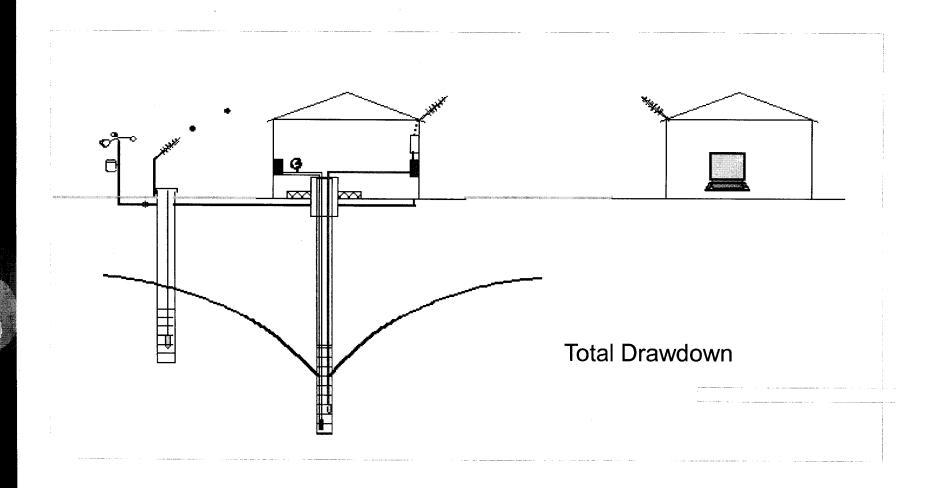
 Digital water parameter sensors (e.g. water level, temperature, conductivity, nitrate, etc)

 Internet resident software and data applications – "cloud computing" with GIS and databases

## Developing Technology Areas for Water Resource Management (cont.)

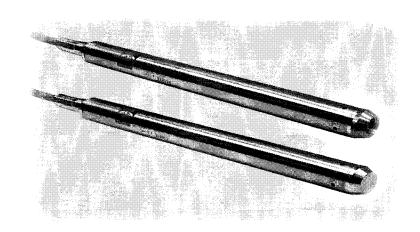
- Spatial data analysis software for visualization – advanced kriging algorithms
- Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) and chip technologies
- Artificial Neural Networks (ANN)

#### **Process Schematic**



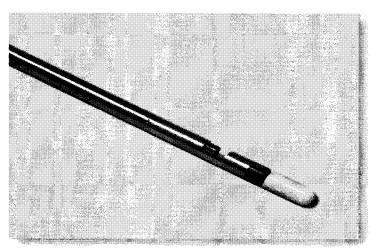
## **Electronic Data Collection Field Instrumentation**

Digital and Analog
Pressure Transducers For
Water Level Measurement



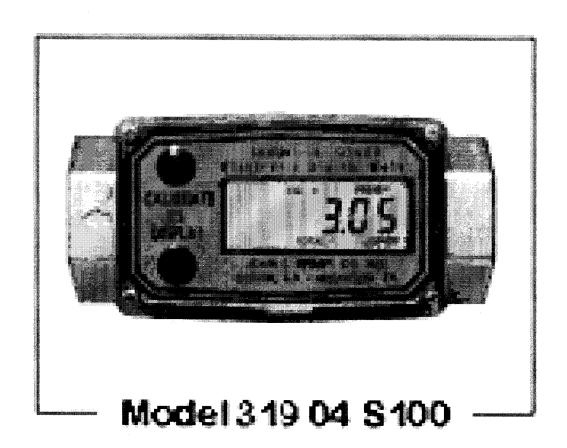


- Temperature
- •pH
- Dissolved Oxygen
- •Electrical Conductivity
- Chemical Specific Probes



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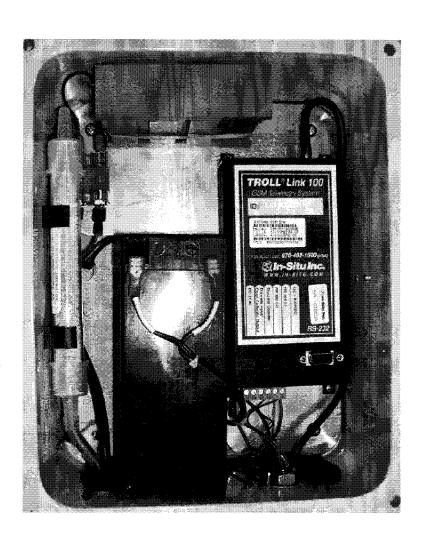
**Digital Flow Meters and Totalizers** 



## **Electronic Data Collection Field Instrumentation**

#### **Wireless Telemetry**





#### **Software Needs**

- Pipeline to continuous data
- Database engine –

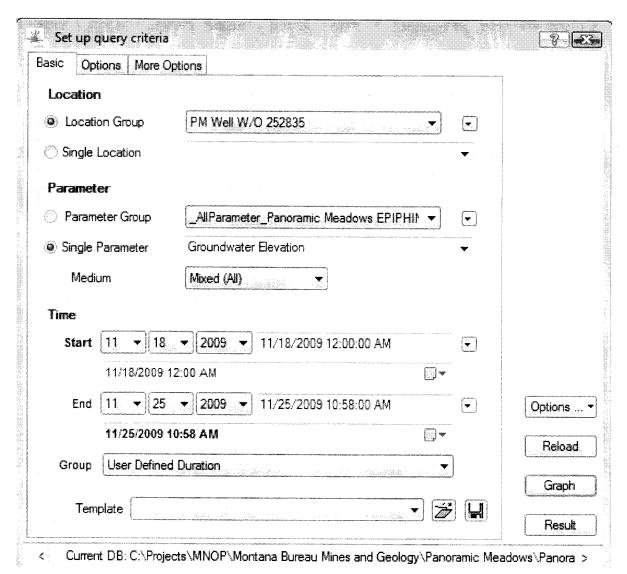


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 analyzes historic and real time data for well indicators and hydrogeologic conditions

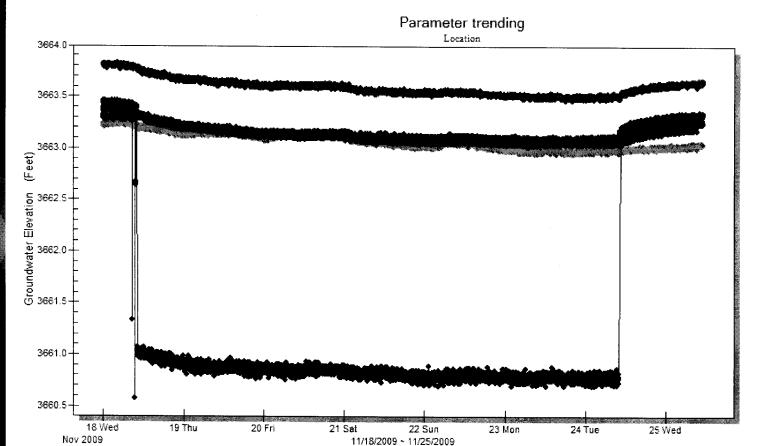


#### **Data Query**





#### **Data Trending**



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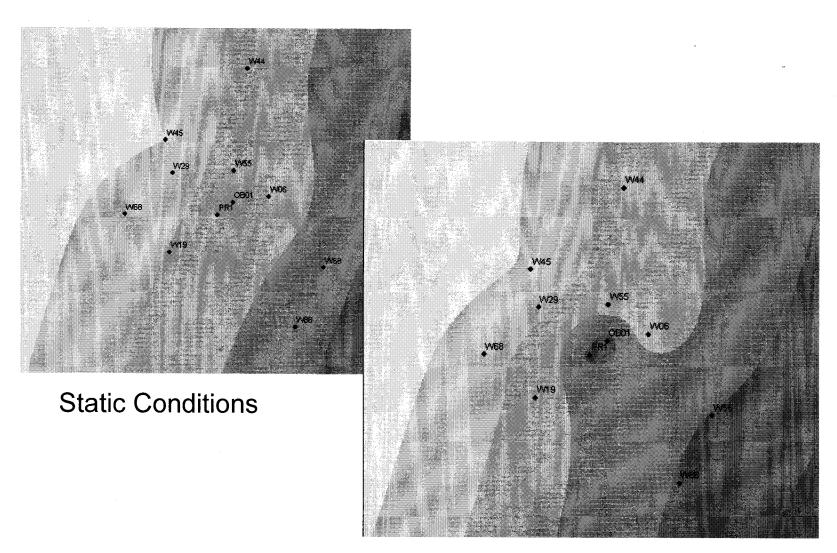
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- On-the-fly wellfield diagnostic tool to save energy and operating costs – creates "smart" wells
- Analyze groundwater potentiometric surfaces using pumping well physics
- Work in true elevation not drawdown
- Map groundwater flow paths and capture areas based on data – not a model

#### **Automated Potentiometric Surfaces**



Pumping Conditions (Linear Log Kriging)

#### **Existing Field Applications**

- Municipal energy reduction, well dynamics, well placement, well operation and optimization, rights management, remediation/plume management, permitting and compliance
- Mining/Coal Bed Methane dewatering, tailings management, remediation/plume management, permitting and compliance

#### **Existing Field Applications (cont.)**

 Industrial Water Supply - energy reduction, well dynamics, well placement, well operation and optimization, remediation/plume management, rights management, permitting and compliance

 Agricultural – irrigation, water rights protection, well placement and operation, permitting and compliance

#### Summary

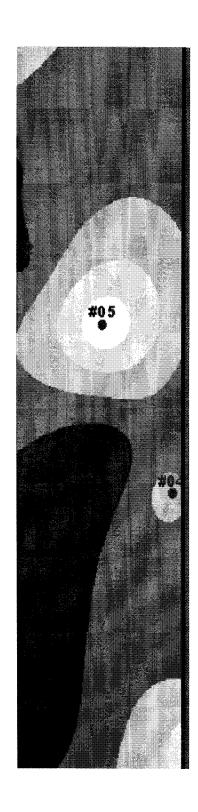
 Sensors are and will increasingly become available for a wide range of parameters along with remote reliable remote power sources

- Wireless communications are increasing in coverage
- Computing power and internet speeds enable real-time visualization, evaluation and management

#### Summary (cont.)

 Combining relational databases and GIS makes spatial analysis of continuous data streams fast and efficient

 The ability to control and continuously monitor aquifer and well field operating conditions can lead to "smart" models that learn over time how the system will respond



#### **Questions?**

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